

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Telephone: 01233 712277

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk







Website: www.charingschool.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CharingPrimary/>



Attendance



 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Woodpeckers	 Badgers	 Owls
91%	83%	92%	95%	84%	94%
Whole School – 90%		Year to date – 93%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school - at one point this week we had around 400 people on site! Unfortunately, a few sporting activities were postponed due to the weather, but on Wednesday we were able to host a girls' football tournament with 7 other schools joining us to take part. Our team played well and with great sportsmanship, being complemented by the visiting referee for their behaviour and respect, both during and after each match. Well-done to the team for representing our school so well and showing our values to the visiting teams. We are hopeful that the weather will be kind for the football and hockey matches planned for next week.

We have also made progress with OPAL play this week. Thank you to all the parents that attended the meeting this week to find out more, and the offers of equipment and help. We have shared the plans with the children this morning and they are now as excited as the staff are! We plan to open the mud kitchen, den building, tyres and small world play in the last week of this term so not long to go. We still need wellies for every child so please remember to bring these in as soon as possible. There is more information in the letters that have been shared on MCAS.

This week also saw the beginning of Ramadan for our Muslim families and staff. Ramadan is the 9th month of the Muslim Calendar. Asma in Owls tells us that Ramadan is a sacred month of reflection when Muslims fast during the daylight hours and celebrate the time when the verses of their Holy Book, the Quran were revealed to their last Prophet Muhammad (*Peace and Blessings be on him*). Ramadan is a time for growing the bond with Allah. During this month, Muslims fast to help them remember poorer people and to be more self-discipline and generous. As well as fasting, they will also spend lots of time praying and reading the Quran. They work towards doing good deeds and giving money for charity. At the end of Ramadan, friends and family gather to celebrate a big festival where people wear their best clothes and give gifts to children along with giving charity to the poor so too are able to celebrate. This celebration is called Eid-ul -Fitr. Ramadan Mubarak (Happy Ramadan) to all observing this Holy Month.

Izzy Hammond



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [How to set up Parental Controls for iPhone Apps](#) at the end of the newsletter. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.



ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

Ms. Nimrah Rehman
attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk

DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:55am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.



PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

Don't forget to book a time slot for your child/ children for Parents Evening, taking place on 27th March, through the MCAS app, there are few slots still available!



Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope



We are now collecting:

Small toys:

- Cars
- Dinosaurs
- Animals

Kitchen utensils:

- Wooden spoons
- Pots
- Pans
- Serving spoons
- Small spades/ trowels
- Baking trays
- Cupcake/ muffin trays

Kitchen equipment:

- Ovens
- Microwave
- Coffee machine

Den Building

- Tarpaulins
- Covers
- Nylon sheets/ camping covers
- Wooden planks
- Decking planks
- Car tyres

REMINDER

MEDICATION SAFETY

We understand that at times children are unwell and need to stay at home to recover, however please remember that we can administer *prescribed medication*, so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and managed as necessary. The office would be able to assist in this.



HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at Charing CE Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.
Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL DINNERS –

Dinner Money cost £2.43

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance. Our caterers will not allow a debt to build and as of next term, any unpaid accounts will result in your child not receiving a meal and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

PARENT CONSENT: Please select the options given to update your child's consent.

If payments have been made otherwise and in advance before booking the sessions, please call or email the office to book your child's space. ***Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.***

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

This Week in Worship

In this week's Worship we have been thinking about Peace. We thought about what this word means to us: calmness, feeling happy, not worried, opposite of war and Jesus.

Year 6 children read the story, 'Peace at Last' (which the younger children are very familiar with) which shows how Mr Bear cannot find much Peace as his life was too noisy.

We looked at the symbols of Peace: Doves are gentle, loving creatures that do not harm others and look after their young chicks with love and care. The lighted candle is a sign of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We also thought about the Christian sign of Peace.



What is Peace?



Our Bible passage was from John's Gospel, Chapter 14, verses 25 – 27.

We learned about the 'Eucharist'/'Holy Communion' services which are a very special time when Christians gather together to '**do this in remembrance of me**', following Jesus' instruction before he died.

Christians often start this service by saying: 'The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you**, Let us offer one another a sign of peace' In the gospels, on many occasions, Jesus encouraged his followers to be peaceful people, e.g. 'be at peace with each other' (Mark 9v50), 'Blessed are the peacemakers' (Matthew 5v9). How can we promote peace in our school community? When Jesus rose again, he greeted his disciples with the words 'Peace be with you' (Luke 24v36). The Eucharist service is intended to help Christians feel closer to God and to each-other.

Dear Father God,

When times are tough, I feel lost,
When I feel lost, I lose hope,
I ask you to fill me with the joy and
peace
Of knowing I'm your child.
Let me feel your loving arms
surrounding me so I never feel alone.

Amen.



Compassion

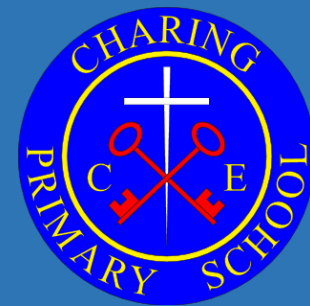
Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 4	
22 nd March	Owls class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm
25 th March	Easter Service in the Church. 9:15am
27 th March	Badgers class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm Parents Evening 3:30pm – 8:00pm
2 nd May	Kingswood Representative talk to Parents of Year 4 2:30pm
21 st May	Ducklings and Rabbits Sports Day 9.30am-10.30am Owls' Sports Day 2pm-3pm
22 nd May	Woodpeckers and Badgers Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am
22 nd May	Squirrels and Otters Sports Day 1.45pm -3:00pm



Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope



Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

ROAST TURKEY

Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

With Ice Cream Or Whipped Cream

Also Available: Jacket Potato with Filling, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit & Yoghurt

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENTS

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Saturday
16th March (10.00-13.00).

For more info email: info@CycleCommunity.org



Funded by
UK Government



www.CycleCommunity.org

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope



Childrens Easter

Craft Workshop

Led by Jenny Wedgbury

Sat 16th March 10am - 12 noon

at Harper's Cafe

Victoria Park, Jemmett Rd, Ashford TN23 4QA

£10 per child

Age 5+

To book please contact Emma at the cafe
Email : events@harperscafe.org
or text : 07919 276090

For more info about the craft session contact Jenny on
07752 548952 or email: jennywedgbury@aol.com



EASTER EVENT

Saturday 30th March

SESSIONS:
9:00AM to 10:30AM OR 11:30AM to 1:00PM
OR 2:00PM to 3:30PM

Easter Bunny & his Friends
Bouncy Castles & Inflatables
Softplay & Sensory Baby Area
Playpark

Glitter Tattoos & Crafts
Raffle
Refreshments & snacks on sale

£15 PER CHILD
(TWO ADULTS PER FAMILY FREE)
INCLUDES A EASTER EGG & ACTIVITY BOOK

Singleton Village Hall
Hoxton Close
Ashford, TN23 5LB

Enquiries: 07472812012
Bookings: www.ticketsource.co.uk/candytan-events

***All Activities included in ticket price.**
Refreshments and Snacks cost extra

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

SOFT PLAY AT HARPER'S CAFE



£5 per session (1 hour)
(Rescheduled session)

Monday 8th April

Session times:

9:30-10:30am/10:50am-11:50am/12:10-1:10pm
1:30-2:30pm/2:50-3:50pm/4:10-5:10pm

To book go to: www.harperscafe.org/book-an-event

Soft Play supplied by Candytan Events

Harper's Cafe, Victoria Park, Jemmett road, Ashford, TN23 4QA
FREE PARKING

Made with PosterMyWall.com



EASTER FUN DAY AT HARPERS CAFE 10AM - 3PM

Meet the Easter Bunny!

Easter Trail (includes an Easter Egg!)

Arts & Crafts Face Painting

**Inflatable Playpark
(5 years and under)**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH CANDYTAN EVENTS

EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL

NO NEED TO BOOK

ACTIVITIES ARE INDIVIDUALLY PRICED

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope



EASTER TRAIL,
CRAFTS & FACE
PAINTING. LOOK OUT
FOR THE EASTER
BUNNY!



DISCOVER EASTER AT BROGDALE!



29TH, 30TH, 31ST MARCH



13TH APRIL

お花見

HANAMI BLOSSOM DAY



KENT'S CELEBRATION OF BLOSSOM AT BROGDALE

DISCOVER THE TRADITIONS, TASTES, ARTS
AND CULTURE OF JAPAN
PICNIC UNDER THE BLOSSOM



Compassion

Friendship

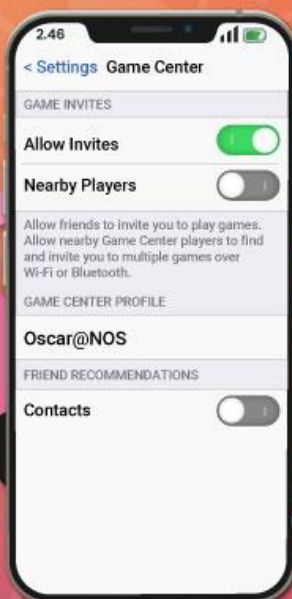
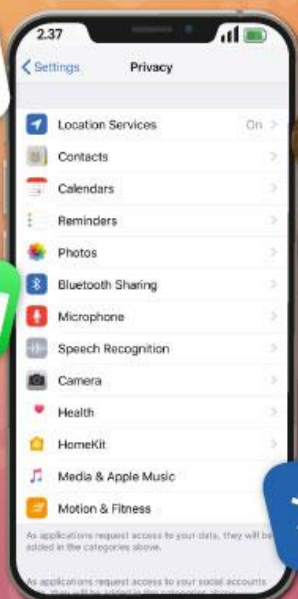
Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)